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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9962
INFO AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
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C O N F I D E N T I A L JERUSALEM 0038

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS MILI PBOR US IS LE UR
SUBJ: SOVIET INTEREST IN PARTICIPATING IN UN MIDDLE EAST
PEACEKEEPING

1. UN SOURCE INFORMED US JANUARY 6 THAT SOVIET OFFICERS WHO
ASSIGNED TO UN PEACEKEEPING FORCE IN CAIRO ARE
CONTINUING TO MAKE REGULAR VISITS TO UNTSO IN JERUSALEM
SINCE THEY BEGAN LAST YEAR. WE UNDERSTAND THAT SOVIETS
HAVE INDICATED THEIR DESIRE TO HAVE AN OFFICER ASSIGNED
TO UNTSO IN JERUSALEM--PRESUMABLY AS AN OPERATIONS OFFICER.
ACCORDING TO OUR SOURCE THIS DESIRE HAS NOT YET REACHED
THE STAGE OF AN OFFICIAL REQUEST AND HE WOULD NOT
SPECULATE AS TO WHAT EITHER UN OR ISRAELI REACTION WOULD BE.
WE ASSUME THAT GOI WOULD PROBABLY REFUSE SUCH A REQUEST
HOWEVER EMBASSY TEL AVIV WOULD HAVE BEST JUDGMENT ON
THAT.

2. AS TO PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ISSUE OF SOVIETS WANTING
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TO GET INVOLVED IN SOUTH LEBANON PEACEKEEPING, OUR
SOURCE SAYS THAT LEBANESE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY UNTSO
CHIEF OF STAFF ERSKINE THAT FIVE SOVIET OFFICERS WILL
BE ASSIGNED TO ILMAC AS OF FEBRUARY 1, UNLESS GOL
OBJECTS. ERSKINE MAY GET LEBANESE REACTION DURING HIS
VISIT TO BEIRUT TODAY. 77 BEIRUT 6431 HAD
INDICATED THAT GOL WILL PROBABLY REFUSE.

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